ment have accorded high priority for its development and have delicensed all food processing units except for brewing and distillation of alcoholic beverages and those items reserved for small scale industries. Fiscal concessions have been provided to large number of processed food items and capital goods. Govt. has also simplified procedure for approvals and provided concurrence to exports. In addition to the above Ministry of Food Processing Industries has formulated several Plan Schemes for providing assistance for developing food processing industries during the 8th Plan which inter-alia include assistance to State Government organisations|co-operative|voluntary agencies| joint sectors, etc. for setting up or enlarging food processing facilities, developing backward linkages with farmers, marketing **support, pork, poultry** and other meat processing facilities, tuna and other fish processing facilities, deep sea fishing and processing, setting up cold chain, research and development in food processing and packaging and training of manpower in cerain sectors.

Representations on deep sea joint fishing ventures

1140. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received some representations from some quarters for stopping licensing of joint fishing ventures in the deep sea by multinationals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the requests made in the representations will make 75 lakhs fishermen of country to earn their livelihood;

(d) whether the requests made in the representations will save the country of dangerous depletion of its sea food reserves;

(e) whether Government propose to take action on these representations; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Representations were received from various quarters to withdraw the licences issued for foreign fishing vessels and for deep sea fishing vessels being operated under Joint Venture, Charter and Leasing, etc.

(c) and (d) The estimated annual catch from 30 deep sea fishing vessels being operated under the above schemes is 10,000 to 15,000 tonnes as against the *marine fish production of 26.88 lakhs* tonnes (1993-94) landed by about 2 lakhs traditional craft and mechanised fishing craft. Therefore, the activity of the deep sea fishing vessels can neither thereaten the livelihood of small fishermen nor deplete the sea food reserves.

(e) and (f) The demand of the fishermen for withdrawal of licences was examined in consultation with the State Governments and through appointment of an Expert Committee for indepth study of the situation. However, no adverse impact of the operation of deep sea fishing vessels on coastal fishing was established. On the other hand, it was found that the unchecked and un-regulated increase in the coastal fishing effort had led to the increased competition between traditional fishing boats and mechanised fishing vessels for targetting a finite resource. In view of this it was not felt necessary to withdraw the licences issued to deep sea fishing vessels under the above schemes.

Status of Murari Committee

1141. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of implementation of the Murari Committee Report.

(b) whether the deep sea fishing sector in Andhra Pradesh will get any benefit out of it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING

INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c). The Technical Committee headed by Shri P. Murari, on the deep sea fishing Industry in India, has submitted its report. Action on the recommendations of the Technical Committee has been initiated at inter-ministerial level.

बड़ी कम्पनियों द्वारा खाद्य वस्तुओं का उत्पादन

1142. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या **खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार की दृष्टि में देश में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग की मौजूदा संस्थापित क्षमता के विस्तार के लिए बहुराष्ट्रीय कंपनियों का प्रवेश अनिवार्य है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार लघु उद्योग क्षेत्र के लिए आरक्षित कई वस्तुओं का उत्पादन बड़ी कंपनियों द्वारा किए जाने के लिए उन्हें इस संबंध में छूट देने हेतु सक्रिय रूप से काम कर रही है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उन वस्तुओं के क्या नाम हैं और क्या इन वस्तुओं का उत्पादन अब भी बड़ी कंपनियों द्वारा किया जा रहा है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उन कंपनियों के क्या नाम हैं और इन वस्तुओं के कुल वार्षिक उत्पादन में से कितना प्रतिशत उत्पादन इन बड़ी कंपनियों द्वारा किया जा रहा है ?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई) : (क) सरकार की दृष्टि में घरेलू और विदेशी कंपनियों द्वारा खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग में और निवेश करने से खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग को स्थापित क्षमता का विस्तार करने में मदद मिलेगी ।

(ख) से (घ) जी नहीं । केवल घरेलू बिक्री के लिए बड़ी यूनिटों को लघु क्षेत्र के लिए आरक्षित किसी मद का निर्माण करने की अनुमति नहीं है । निर्माण करने की अनुमति तभी दी जाएगी जब कंपनी उत्पादन के 75% निर्यात दायित्व को पूरा करें । अगस्त 1992 के बाद किसी मद को अनारक्षित नहीं किया गया है ।

Deep sea fishing vessels in Visakhapatnam

1143. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that numerous deep sea fishing vessels were idle in Visakhapatnam in the 1994 fishing season; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the fishing season in 1994, 40 trawlers were idle in Visakhapatnam.

Wheat at subsidised rates to bakeries

1144. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :
SHRI GAYA SINGH :

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have offered to give wheat at subsidised rate to the bakers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Modern Food Industries are being given wheat at subsidised rate of Rs. 150/- per quintal and whether as agreed they have reduced the sale price of bread;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the reduced sale price of bread is commensurate with the subsidy